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SUBJECT: NEW SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT PORT-AU-PRINCE AIRPORT

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, JUNE 7, 1974, CIRCULATED
TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS NOTE NO. PR/L-17:800, TRANSLATION OF
WHICH FOLLOWS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN HAITI AND HAS THE HONOR
TO INFORM THEM THAT BECAUSE OF THE NUMEROUS ATTACKS PERPETRATED
IN AIRPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SECURITY RECOMMEND THAT TRAVELERS WITHOUT EXCEPTION OUGHT
TO SUBMIT TO THE EXAMINATIONS CALLED FOR BY THE NEED FOR
VIGILANCE.

"THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL BE GRATEFUL
IF THE CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN HAITI AS WELL
AS THE MEMBERS OF THESE MISSIONS WILL COOPERATE AS DESIRED IN
THE EXECUTION OF THE FORMALITIES PRESCRIBED IN ORDER TO
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GUARANTEE THE LIVES OF PASSENGERS AND THE PROPERTY OF THE

AIR TRANSPORT COMPANIES.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN HAITI THE ASSURANCES OF ITS VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION."

2. COMMENT: MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE THINKS THIS NOTE THREATENS THE INVIOABILITY OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES AND THE IMMUNITIES OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS AND HAS ASKED THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE CORPS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13, AT 1645 HOURS TO CONSIDER A JOINT RESPONSE. I BELIEVE THAT IF IT INVOLVES RESTRICTION OF ACCESS TO PLANESIDE, ELECTRONIC SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS AND THE EXAMINATION OF ORDINARY HAND BAGGAGE BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE EXAMINATION OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES OR THE MANUAL "FRISKING" OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS, IT IS A REASONABLE REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES. SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, I PROPOSE TO TAKE THIS LINE IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS MEETING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 13.
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